

I oppose continued testing for CW proficiency. Since the prime attribute required for learning CW is a sense of rythm, which many people do not have, it serves only to discriminate for no regulatory purpose. For those wishing to operate CW, some level of proficiency is a pre-requisite, making it a "self-testing" mode. If you don't know it, you can't use it. CW testing is akin to making sure we can speak before allowing us to use "phone" modes, or a typing test for packet. This petition retains and increases the requirements for CW testing for the Extra Class license, without any evidence that it serves any regulatory or practical purpose. I therefore oppose this proposal.  
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